

## DISTRICT MEETINGS SUCCESS

**SPEAKERS AND SINGERS MEETING WITH GOOD RESPONSE**

## FARMERS ARE INTERESTED

**Rosenstein At Blue Mound; Wells At Frontier; Garretson and Several Others Will Speak Tonight.**

The school district meetings, held Wednesday night under the direction of the War Savings committee's headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce, were highly successful, perhaps the most restful yet held for the reason that the farmers are becoming so thoroughly interested and so determined to make their quotas. Charles Wells spoke at Neutral, with a follow-up short talk by A. L. Harvey, and Mrs. Len Hodgkins as the singer.

J. W. Kaltenbach spoke at Grace Hill, with Miss Mildred Popplewell as the singer, and Rev. John Garretson at Mt. Hope with the Baxter quartette furnishing three musical numbers.

All speakers report the interest at the district meetings, with all the school boards declaring they will make their quotas. At Mt. Hope the farmers told Rev. Garretson that they have their quota as good as made and are just waiting for Friday night to come in order to make their pledges. At Mt. Pisgah some of the farmers had already signed their pledge cards, but after the speaker got through explaining what a good investment a Baby Bond is several of the farmers tore up their cards and filled out others for larger amounts, thus making sure the Mt. Pisgah quota.

At Neutral the speaker, Charles Wells, was asked what to do with a man who would not invest to the utmost of his ability. "Such a man," declared Wells, "is a worse slacker by far than the boy who is drafted and hides in the brush to keep out of the service. It will be but a short time until such a man finds himself in the clutches of a federal secret service man."

Mr. Kaltenbach had a very interesting meeting at Grace Hill school, south of town. There was a good crowd, determined to make its quota. Like all the others desirous of carrying the plans and methods by which to make it.

Tonight R. E. Rosenstein speaks at Blue Mound school, with V. P. Brock as the singer; Charles Wells at Frontier school, with Miss Mildred Popplewell as the singer; E. M. Richardson at Ingram school, with Miss Marie Covey as singer, and Rev. John Garretson at district 52, a mile east of town, with Miss Irene Roberts as singer. The people of district 52 visited the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and asked for a speaker. Fifteen had not been included in this city's jurisdiction, and in district 8 at Brush Creek school, another speaking date has been requested for tomorrow night. Chas. Wells, A. L. Harvey, Rev. Garretson and perhaps several others will go to Brush Creek tomorrow night.

The district meetings, while arranged solely for the War Savings campaign, are proving of untold value to Baxter Springs, as they are bringing the farmer and the town man into contact and working together for the government.

## WALTER SEITZ KILLED

**Nephew of Chas. Seitz Killed In France—Has Visited In Baxter Springs.**

Walter Seitz, of Belleville, Ill., was killed on the firing line in France last week. Mr. Seitz is a nephew of Chas. Seitz, of this city, who is connected with the firm of Jaqueth & Gilman. The deceased had visited in this city and is known by some people here. His name was announced in Monday's casualty list.

J. W. Davis, of Girard, was seen Sunday visiting his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. W. Davis, who is an osteopath with offices over the Fairfax Barnes grocery.

## TURNED DOWN SCHOOL BIDS

**Bids Were All Too High for \$99,000 Bond Issue—Will Work Out Other Plans To Get Building Built.**

The largest item of business attending the meeting of the school board Tuesday was the opening of the bids on the construction of the new Baxter Springs high school.

Three bids on the general construction were opened and all rejected, it being the sense of the board that the bids were too high and called for more than the \$99,000 bond issue to do all the board had hoped to do with the money.

Two bids on the plumbing were opened, one was rejected. The other, the bid of L. A. Smith, was not rejected but was held up for further consideration.

### TWO MORE INTO SERVICE

Henry Babb and Earl Weygant are among the Baxter Springs boys who have enlisted in the service this week.

### A SEVERED FINGER

C. E. Bennett, of the corner of Twenty-first street and East avenue, Baxter Springs, who is the mill foreman at the Inspiration mine, suffered a painful accident Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock, while helping land a pump he got his hand caught and the little finger of the left hand severed.

### JOE BRISTOW COMING

J. L. Bristow, one of the candidates for the nomination for U. S. Senator on the republican ticket, is coming to Cherokee county and will make five speeches on July 1st, as follows:

At Mineral, at 10 a. m.  
At Scammon, at 11:30 a. m.  
At Weir City at 2:00 p. m.  
At Columbus, at 4:00 p. m.  
At Baxter Springs, at 8:00 p. m.

## THE MINING NEWS

By Frank Hills,  
In Miami Record-Herald.

It may be news to some that the greatest flotation machine in the world is the invention of Fred DeMier, flotation expert of the Picher Lead Company, but such is the case. The machines are not on sale and none are in use except those at the Picher plants and one at the Minerals Flotation plant, a tailing mill at the Blue Mound plant on the state line north of Picher.

Mr. DeMier is a native of Missouri, having been raised at Bonnetterre. He was employed for several years by the American Zinc Co., then spent several more with the St. Joe Lead Company, coming to the Picher Lead Company a couple of years ago, where he has remained since.

When Mr. DeMier arrived in Picher he had in his possession a small model of a flotation machine, which he had studied out but which he was not in a position to put into practical use.

General Superintendent George Potter of the Picher Co., was interested in the device and assigned a carpenter to the young man and told him to build one at the Picher Whitebird mill, which he did and which has been in use ever since. This was the beginning of the Picher Flotation system that saved that company a million dollars last year and which is being added to all of the time as it is the intention of the management to have one at every mill.

The DeMier machine excels all of the other machines as it is practically fool proof and if anything goes wrong, it can be repaired at very little cost. It has a greater capacity to the expense of installation than any other machine. It has a continual agitation and is a double spit machine while all of the others are single.

Mr. DeMier has never made an effort to get his machine on the market but there is no doubt that should he do so, it would make him a rich man.

The Keltner Mining Company made a rich strike in the field shaft

## AS TO RENTS.

As pertaining to the town of Baxter Springs and its future, there is a new and strong undercurrent of confidence here. There is a feeling of stability—a feeling that the gambling period, the speculative, uncertain period is pretty well over. Baxter Springs has weathered a slump in prices of ore that has hit some of the towns of the district hard—if reports are true—a slump that has well nigh spelled ruin for some of the over built towns of the district. Empty houses and a general air of depression tell the tale.

Baxter Springs is coming through the quiet harvest period and the low ore price period stronger—more confident—than ever before. Baxter Springs is no longer a business gamble. Every house and every business property in the town is in demand. The slump had the effect of eliminating some of the get-rich-quick real estate and rental ideas here. Baxter Springs is a better town to come to now than ever before. The slump proved Baxter Springs was not built, not over-done in any particular.

As relating to rent and real property here, while there has been no falling off in values there is a decided disposition manifest to view the situation more sanely as regards the effect on the future.

The Baxter Daily Citizen has interviewed many of the real estate men and rental agencies in Baxter Springs this week. They unanimously report more demand than supply. Applications for rent houses and rent property of all kinds are numerous and of the best quality.

The prices of ore are tending upward again. Now is the time for every man to take into consideration the future of the town and the future value of his own property and do his bit against a repetition of the mistake made in the first big boom here. A half dozen real estate men tell us they have applications by the dozen from prospective Oklahoma renters who want to come here as a result of the car line extension to the seat of industry. They tell us, and we might as well be frank, that we are not stopping all this exodus from the mining fields of Oklahoma. They tell us that there is a considerable overflow on over into Missouri by virtue of their belief that we still want a good deal for what we have to offer.

We believe that at this time Baxter Springs is the only town of the entire Kopselter field that is populated to capacity, but we should at this time organize to make this town the best place of residence in the district from the point of convenience, accommodation and the price of residence, which after all is the big item.

Things look good, very good, better than ever before—but we must not lose sight of the essentials that hold population. Baxter Springs ought to have 10,000 people along in the early 1920's, but property here is not worth what it will be then and must not exceed in price the property in the average prosperous 10,000 city.

Let the word go out that Baxter Springs has revised her rent charges and if you can persuade the other fellow to live up to it, do so.

Co-operation is the watch word, and if some fellow is so stupid or so ill favored mentally as to get in the road—run over him. Baxter Springs is a better town on the first of July, 1918, than it ever has been in its 70 odd years history.

of their mine a mile east of Picher the last of the week. A good run of ore was discovered and water broke in at the same time, which was as well come as the ore, as the big mill has been down for several weeks on account of the pond having been drained by an old drill hole that had been overlooked. A pipe line had been laid from the Mahutska mine a few hundred feet away but it is thought that the water from the shaft will be sufficient for milling purposes. The Keltner mill only operated 112 hours before it was shut down on account of lack of water but in that time 61 tons of lead and 212 tons of jack were recovered. A four inch pump is being installed in the field shaft.

The Miami Volunteer Mining company has brought in a lead strike on the Thomas land northeast of Hockerville that is one of the most remarkable in the history of the field. The new find is only a few rods north of the Queen Esther mine which has been opened lately and comes in shallower than that wonderful diggings. The shaft went into almost pure lead at a depth of 33 feet and from that depth to 45 feet, where the workmen row are, tons of lead have been shoveled out. The drill showed three distinct runs of ore at the mill site of the Miami Volunteer, one at 33 feet and with a 50 foot face, one at 125 feet with a 30 foot face, one at 160 feet with a 20 foot face.

Let no one think because a number of the mills of the field are shut down, that there is nothing being done. The greatest part of the work that is being done at the present is under ground, blocking out the ore that is to be sold as soon as the prices take a hike on account of the curtailment in production. There has been no slowing up in the matter of shaft sinking or in development work in the ground, neither has there been any time lost in getting the mills in shape so when the drive comes that is sure to arrive when the prices advance a little more, there will be the greatest activity ever seen in this section of the country.

The Black Eagle Mining Company began operating its mill directly across the road south of the Underwriters No. 2 and across from the St. Louis Smelting and Refining Company's property west, the first of last week and will begin running regularly the first of this week. The Black Eagle mill is of 250 tons capacity, but is so arranged that it may be increased to 350 tons with very little time or trouble. All of the output has been high grade from the first the concentrates assaying \$2.30 per cent.

The big new mill of the Pioneer

## JEFFERSON HIGHWAY MEET AT JOPLIN

**End of a Series of Socialability Runs With Members Present From As Far South As Greenville, Texas.**

Jefferson Highway enthusiasts of four states will make sociability runs July 3 and 4 to land them in Joplin Mo., for the international meeting of the association July 5-6, where much excitement is expected as the result of two hot contests for the location of two sections of the highway, and the intensive plans to be made for the quick completion of the highway as a part of the win the war movement.

The Kansas boosters will start their run at Rosedale the morning of July 4 at 7:30 o'clock, and will reach Pittsburg that afternoon at 5:53 o'clock. The state meeting, called by A. H. Shafer, state vice president, simultaneously with the state meetings of the Oklahomans at Miami, and the Missourians at Joplin.

The Texas-Oklahomans will reach here the morning of the 5th and the promoters of the run invite anybody who wish to participate in the movement and at the same time have an enjoyable outing, to join here and go on to Joplin, or to go from the Pittsburg meeting with the Kansas run.

The Oklahomans and Texans will start their run at Greenville, Tex., and the Missourians at Lamoni, Iowa, just over the north line of the state, the morning of July 3. The former will make McAlester their night control, while the Missourians will spend the night at Kansas City. It is expected that some of them will come down the Kansas side, joining the Kansas run at Rosedale.

The highway is bending every effort to make the highway serve the transportation needs of the government at this time, and has progressed so far in many sections that daily truck service is being maintained for considerable stretches, thus relieving the railroads of much of the tax of short hauls.

## RESTAURANT MEN HAVE A MEETING

The restaurant, cafe, hotel and boarding house people of Baxter Springs had a very interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. They met at the suggestion of the Council of Defense to get together on the regulations issued by the national and state food commissions, and particularly at this time in regard to beef, sugar and wheat. Those who attended the meeting, were very desirous of complying at all times with the regulations and they are asking that all others, engaged in like business in the city, comply also before it becomes necessary for a representative of the government to call and enforce the rulings.

The most recent beef regulations provide that there are but four beef meals a week henceforward—roasts: beef can be served on Mondays at the noon meal, boiled beef on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the noon meal, and beefsteak on Saturdays only at the evening or supper meal. Pork, chicken and fish may be served at any time for the present.

In order to learn the latest regulations in regard to both sugar and wheat, the state food administration at Wichita, Kas., Walter P. Innes, has been asked to furnish them, and immediately upon their receipt the cafe men will put them into execution. After July 1, it is known, that each person can have but 3 pounds of sugar per month. The cafes are using every effort also to comply with the wheat regulations, but there seems to be some difference of opinion regarding them.

The following cafe and hotel people signed the food resolutions, to enforce all regulations and urging all others to do so:—G. A. Phillips, Everett Cafe; Andrew Moore, Moore's Cafe; Mrs. C. M. Sour, Polster Hotel; C. V. High, Kitchenette; J. A. Hopper, Liberty Cafe; H. M. Chetterson, Baxter Hotel Cafe; Gibson & Hawn, Frisco Cafe, and Sweeney & Co., Minute Cafe.

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## TRY AIKEN ON CHARGE THEFT

**YOUNG FARMER CHARGED WITH STEALING NEIGHBOR'S AUTOMOBILE**

## DENIES GUILT, BLAMES OTHER

**Car Was Stolen from Conrad Kratz and He Says Brother-in-Law Did It—Offers to Make Statement.**

Merle Aiken is being tried in the Baxter Springs police court today, charged with stealing a Ford automobile from Conrad Kratz some days ago.

The car was stolen from Mr. Kratz's barn on his farm on the state line just southeast of Baxter Springs. The car was taken on Sunday evening and discovered east of Galena Tuesday evening. In the meantime a neighbor boy, Merle Aiken, had been arrested and charged with the theft. According to testimony of Gene Turner and Henry Horton, Aiken told them he did not take the car but that he was in the company of a couple of boys who had planned to do it. He said the names of the boys were Walter Clifton and Roy Holson.

Since that time (young Aiken having been in jail at Columbus in the meantime) the officers have been unable to locate the other two boys. They found that Clifton was well known and lives in Joplin and the Holson was well known and lives at Picher.

The car, when found, had been stripped of everything of value, but it has since been established in part that the boys who stole the car did not rob it.

A short time after young Aiken was arrested, a brother waylaid a son of Mr. Kratz and hit him on the head with a hammer, because of ill feeling over the arrest.

Conrad Kratz married a sister of Merle Aiken and the Aiken family live on the Harvey farm, just a mile east of the Kratz family. Mr. Kratz testified today that there had been considerable ill feeling between the families. He said young Aiken had been boarding with him and had jumped his board bill and borrowed some money from his sister, Mrs. Kratz, and left. Mr. Kratz testified there were tracks leading from the garage about the size and shape of the shoes Aiken was wearing. Aiken claims a couple of fellows asked him about the car, its condition, whereabouts, etc., and he told them and then went to Joplin with them Sunday evening but that he did not see them later in the evening and thinks it might be possible they came over here and got the car.

L. M. Ressler, assistant county attorney, is prosecuting the case and E. B. Morgan is the defending attorney.

Later: Merle Aiken was bound over by police judge J. M. English until the October term of district court.

## JUST A NEAR THEFT

**Thought Ford Was Still In Garage But It Was a Haynes and Was Locked.**

Thieves broke the lock on the door of a garage belonging to Floyd Jones behind his home just west of the Hoo Store, Sunday night. The padlock was thrown out into the street. Mr. Jones had a Ford car up until a few days ago and it is thought the thieves expected to get the Ford, but Mr. Jones had traded it for a Haynes and the Haynes was locked in the garage and could not be moved. M. B. Clark lost a Ford car out of the same garage about a year ago and has never heard from it.

Dr. Parrish and Dr. Zellers, two of our new dentists in town, who have put in fine offices here have their call to appear for service. They will both be lieutenants. Dr. Zellers already has his uniform and is wearing it and Dr. Parrish has his uniform ordered.

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Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wilbur of St. Louis, were Baxter visitors Saturday.